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The United States Environmental Protection Agency invites public comment on the Federal Facility Agreement for Naval Base Norfolk • Norfolk, Virginia. The public comment period will last for 45 days from the date of this announcement.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has signed a Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) with the Naval Base in Norfolk to continue the environmental cleanup program aboard the facility. The agreement outlines the parties' roles in the investigation and cleanup of areas where contamination may exist. The Navy, as the lead agency, is responsible for conducting and paying for the study and cleanup. EPA will oversee the project to ensure a thorough investigation and cleanup take place for the protection of the public health and environment. The agreement also provides the framework for the work to be done.

The FFA for Naval Base Norfolk details a phased approach for investigating hazardous waste sites called the "site screening process". The site screening process essentially involves the review of environmental data gathered from hazardous waste sites early-on. A result of this early data review is the determination of which hazardous waste sites present the greatest risk to human health and the environment, and the expeditious movement of high-risk sites forward in the investigation process. This early categorization of sites can lead to a quick cleanup of the worst sites present at Naval Base Norfolk.

**Copies of the FFA are available for public review
at the following repositories:**

Larchmont Public Library

6525 Hampton Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23509
(804) 441-5335

Mary Pretlow Library

9640 Granby St.
Norfolk, VA 23509
(757) 441-1750

Kirn Memorial Branch Norfolk Public Library

301 East City Hall Ave.
Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 441-2173

EPA is now accepting comments from the public regarding the federal facility agreement.

ALL COMMENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

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